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For Fall, 1945

RICHARDS GARDENS

One Year Field Grown

Perennials

Field Grown Hardy Phlox

Highest Quality Peonies



Block of Giant Pacific Hybrid Delphinium—Seed
Sown in May—Abundant Bloom in September—

ALL PRICES ARE PREPAID PRICES

Richards Gardens

Plainwell, Michigan

PLANT BUYERS STOP AND THINK!

When you stop to consider that you can get a dozen of Richards' fine field grown, 1 yr. perennial plants for about the price you ordinarily expect to pay for three regular field grown plants you get an idea of the tremendous saving you can make by buying our plants.

Remember, these are not flat grown green-house seedlings, but well rooted, healthy, field grown plants.

NOTICE

Due to plant inspection and quarantine restrictions we find that it is impossible for us to make further shipment of orders into Canada. We must ask that those Canadian customers to whom plants have been sent in the past refrain from asking us to make future shipments.

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY

At least one half dozen plants of any one variety must be ordered. Our low prices will not permit handling orders for lesser quantities of one kind.

SEND US YOUR ORDERS EARLY

Make out your order and send it in to us now while you are thinking of it. We will send all plants prepaid at planting time.



You may select ABSOLUTELY FREE two dozen of any of the plants described in this catalog, retailing at not more than \$1.00 per dozen, with every order of ten dozen or more plants selected from this list. Another reason why your dollar buys more here. ALL PRICES ARE PREPAID PRICES.

HEAVY ROOTED, ONE-YEAR FIELD GROWN

Perennial Plants

(Blooming seasons, where given, are approximate and depend on climate, weather conditions, etc.)

VARIETY

	Per Doz.	Half Doz.
ALYSSUM (Rock Madwort)		
SAXATILE COMPACTUM (BASKET OF GOLD) — Excellent plant for the rockery or borders. One of the showiest spring flowers with its large clustered blooms of bright yellow. Grows from 10 to 12 inches high. Very hardy.	1.00	.60
ANCHUSA (Sea Bugloss)		
ITALICA DROPMORE (ALKANET) — Grows 5 to 6 feet tall and makes a splendid back-ground plant. Bears loads of true gentian flowers in June. Very hardy and sturdy.	1.00	.60
ANEMONE (Pasque Flower)		
PULSATILLA — Grows only about 10 inches high which makes it ideal for rockery or border. Deepest blue bell shaped blooms come very early in spring.	1.10	.65
AQUILEGIA (Columbine)		
These are among the most beautiful of hardy plants and the most important parts of the hardy perennial garden. Their presence will lighten up even the most formal planting and their colorful blooms are unexcelled for cutting.		
CLEMATIFLORA (SPURLESS) — Excellent bedder. Noted for the clear, soft, mixed colors of its abundant blooms.	1.25	.75
CRIMSON STAR — One of the finest and most striking Aquilegas we know of. Bright Crimson with the inside of the bloom a waxy white. Probably the largest flowering of the Columbines. Good for cutting as blooms keep exceptionally long.	2.00	1.25
DOBBIE'S IMPERIAL HYBRIDS — Long spurred variety of unequalled color range and sturdy growth. Abundant bloomer.	1.00	.60
LONG SPURRED BLUE SHADES — A heavy blooming type with large flowers and extremely long spurs. Exquisite colorings in all shades of blue. A sturdy grower.	1.00	.60
LONG SPURRED HYBRIDS — A superior cutting variety. Also much used for bedding because of the exceptionally wide range of colors which cover most of the mixed shades. Long spurred and very prolific bloomer.	1.00	.60
LONGISSIMA (LONGEST SPURRED) — One of the finest Columbines. Flowers are extra large, of the finest quality and their clear yellow color lends charm to any planting.	1.00	.60

AQUILEGIA (Continued)**VARIETY**

	Per Doz.	Half Doz.
MRS. NICHOLLS ----- For richest color we recommend this variety. Large long spurred blooms with excellent deep color are borne over a long period.	1.00	.60
MRS. SCOTT ELLIOTT'S HYBRIDS ----- Unquestionably the finest color mixture grown. Flowers are large, have long spurs and the colors cover all shades of lavender, purple, red, white, yellow, blue and pink.	1.00	.60
SILVER QUEEN ----- An excellent variety loved for its silvery white blooms and finely formed florets.	1.00	.60

ARABIS (White Rock Cress)

ALPINA ----- A splendid creeping plant which seldom grows over 12 inches high. Bears masses of white blossoms in early spring. Foliage is very ornamental balance of the year.	1.00	.60
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ARTEMISIA (Southernwood)

SILVER KING ----- A striking contrast plant with light silvery gray foliage. Much used in mixed bouquets. May be cut and dried for winter use. We offer well rooted cuttings.	1.00	.60
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ASTERS (Michaelmas Daisy)

AMELLUS ----- Grows about 20 inches high, making it a lovely border plant. Large blooms of soft mixed colors are borne profusely from May until late summer.	1.00	.60
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SPECIAL! HARDY ASTER**"HARRINGTON'S PINK"**

One of the finest and most popular hardy asters to be introduced in recent years. Gives plenty of bright color to your garden during the late summer and fall season when blooms of most plants are gone.

Good sized flowers of bright clear pink completely cover the large sturdy plant. Hardy and disease free.

Heavy rooted, field grown, transplanted plants—35c each; 3 for \$1.00, postpaid.

BLEEDING HEART (OLD FASHIONED VARIETY)**DICENTRA SPECTABILIS**

The old fashioned flower which has been a favorite with all generations since our grandmother's day. Deep pink heart shaped flowers hang from the branches of a sturdy plant. Long blooming period. Ornamental foliage.

55c each; 3 for \$1.50

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VARIETY

	Per Doz.	Half Doz.
CALLIRHOE (Poppy Mallow)		
INVOLUCRATA -----	1.00	.60
This is an excellent plant for the rock garden or for wall planting, due to its trailing habit of growth. Fine lacy foliage and bears large, saucer-shaped blooms of bright crimson with white spots. Blooms through most of the summer and fall. Grows only 6 inches high.		
CAMPANULA (Bellflower)		
CALYCANTHEMA (Cup and Saucer-Mixed colors)	1.00	.60
One of the most desirable cut flowers. Very showy in any garden.		
CARPATICA (Dwarf Blue Bells of Scotland) -----	1.00	.60
Excellent for rockeries or for edging. Rounded clump of bright green foliage from which stems arise only 6 or 8 inches. Each stem bears a beautiful dark bell-shaped bloom of large size. Very lovely and colorful.		
MEDIUM, (Old Favorite "Canterbury Bells") -----	1.00	.60
A favorite with all flower lovers. A thrilling sight in June and July when its many branches are loaded with deep bells, the edges of which are softly rolled and fluted. Grows 2 to 3 feet high. We offer five outstanding colors Blue, Pink, Light Blue, White and Double and Single Prize Mixture. Your Choice.		
PERSICIFOLIA, BLUE -----	1.00	.60
The true perennial variety. Grows about 2 feet high. Large blue bell shaped blooms make it attractive for contrast either in beds or in bouquets. Long blooming period.		
HARDY CARNATION (Carnation Grenadin)		
Almost a necessity in your garden. These hardy outdoor carnations have unlimited uses. For spots of bright color, for cutting and for fragrance they are unexcelled. Bloom practically all through the summer. Have dwarf habit of growth.		
"KING OF THE BLACKS" -----	1.10	.65
One of the finest hardy carnations. Large flowering and fragrant with deepest maroon color and satiny black sheen.		
GOLDEN SUN -----	1.00	.60
Sweet scented, golden yellow.		
PINK -----	1.00	.60
We highly recommend this for clear pink color.		
RED -----	1.00	.60
Really brilliant color and very profuse habit of bloom makes this much desired.		
WHITE -----	1.00	.60
To complete the color range in your carnation planting be sure to include this one.		
MIXED -----	1.00	.60
Hardy; fragrant; in mixed colors.		
CHIERANTHUS (Siberian Wallflower)		
ALLIONII, GOLDEN BEDDER -----	1.00	.60
Bright golden yellow blooms make a rich color display in the rockery or border. Grows only 12 inches high and blooms during May and June.		

Hardy Chrysanthemums

HARDY FALL FLOWERING 'MUMS

ALL ARE EARLY BLOOMING

These beautiful hardy chrysanthemums will begin to bloom in early fall and will provide a wealth and richness of color for your gardens after other plants have finished flowering. All are hardy, easy to grow and are of the best varieties offered by any grower. We offer **field grown, transplanted plants which have bloomed for us** and which we know will please you.

BESSIE BROWN—A superb bronze button type 'mum. Strong grower and free blooming.

30c each; 4 for \$1.00

EARLY JOAN HELEN—A new and striking variety. Good stems, splendid grower and produces an abundance of rich garnet red blooms.

50c each; 4 for \$1.75

LOUISE SCHLING—Another new 'mum which is really beautiful. Richly blended Salmon-Red color makes a striking display against a shrub or evergreen background.

50c each; 4 for \$1.75

MODEL DE PERFECTION—Pure white as driven snow. The best white pompon we know of. Good grower and extra heavy bloomer.

30c each; 4 for \$1.00

MRS. P. S. DUPONT—A grand producer of beautiful blooms—Peach pink with a blush of salmon. Ideal for cutting, having good stems and producing plenty of blooms.

40c each; 4 for \$1.40

SYMPHONY—Soft coppery rose which changes to silvery lilac as blooms age. Splendid double flowers 3 in. across. Strong 2½ ft. stems. Sure heavy bloomer.

35c each; 4 for \$1.25

VIVID—Excellent for bedding and equally good for cutting. Vigorous grower with good stems. Abundant bloom begins early in the fall. Color is rich bright rose pink.

30c each; 4 for \$1.00

SEPTEMBER BLOOMING 'MUMS

A new series especially desirable because they bloom early in September. They are rather dwarf and of the cushion type. We offer strong field grown plants.

SEPT. BRONZE—Scores of glowing bronze blooms.

SEPT. CLOUD—Pearly white with primrose centers.

SEPT. GOLD—Striking rich golden yellow.

YOUR CHOICE OF ABOVE THREE VARIETIES

40c each; 3 for \$1.10

Ft. Worth, Tex., March 21, 1945
Richards Gardens, Plainwell, Mich.

Gentlemen: I rec'd my Carnations Monday they were perfectly nice. Thanks for the way you handle your orders. Yours respt.,
Mrs. R. E. Cunningham.

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KOREAN 'MUMS

The Korean type 'mums are especially fine for cutting because of their long stems and the fact that they keep unusually well in bouquets. They start blooming in early fall and continue to produce abundant blooms until frozen down. We offer nice field grown transplanted plants which will bloom next season.

ALGONQUIN—Very hardy and very early blooming. Rather dwarf growing plant with extra large, brilliant yellow blooms in profusion.

AUTUMN LIGHTS—Magnificent and striking copper bronze. Very hardy and early blooming. Compact, beautiful plant and strong grower.

SEQUOIA—A Korean Hybrid type which produces gorgeous double blooms in great abundance. Color is a grand shade of mellow amber with interesting variations.

YOUR CHOICE OF ABOVE VARIETIES

30c each; 4 for \$1.00

JACKIE—A new variety only lately introduced by us—Double blooms of rich wine red—Free bloomer.

35c each; 4 for \$1.25

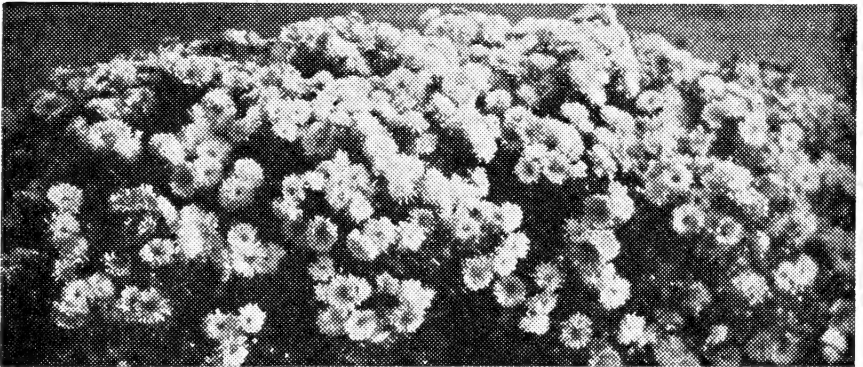
NEW ENGLISH 'MUMS

Something really new in the Chrysanthemum world. Extremely large blooms, reaching 7 inches across when disbudded, borne on 36 inch stems. Unsurpassed for cutting. Very early in blooming season, as they have bloomed for us July 15th. Continue to produce all through the late summer and fall season. **We offer field grown, transplanted plants in two fine varieties.**

LEDA—Beautiful Heliotrope pink.

REVELLER—Bright Chestnut red.

YOUR CHOICE—50c each; 4 for \$1.75



CUSHION MUM IN FULL BLOOM—EACH PLANT WILL PROVIDE HUNDREDS OF BLOOMS EACH YEAR—

CUSHION 'MUMS

In the few years since these remarkable plants were introduced they have swept the country and have risen to the very peak of popularity with all gardeners from coast to coast. Dwarf in height, hardy, colorful and the most prolific bloomers we know of among plants. Begin blooming in July and each plant produces actually hundreds of buds and blooms from then on until the latest fall freezes. Unexcelled for borders or for planting in front of shrubs or evergreens. Showy and beautiful in mass plantings. Even one plant alone makes a small flower garden. We offer choice field grown, transplanted plants in 5 colors.

YOUR CHOICE—RED, WHITE, YELLOW, BRONZE, PINK.
30c each; 5 for \$1.25

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VARIETY

Per
Doz.

Half
Doz.

COREOPSIS (Tickseed)

One of the most useful perennials for borders and for cutting. Very easy to grow and produces golden yellow blooms in great profusion throughout the summer.

DOUBLE SUNSET (NEW GOLD) ----- 1.50 .85

A new variety which bears double flowers of good color. Keeps exceptionally well when cut. Large plants.

DELPHINIUM

(PERENNIAL LARKSPUR)

One of the best loved and most popular of the world's perennials. New introductions have widened the colors available and have produced better growth and blooms. Our reputation has been founded on the high quality of the delphiniums we grow. These are all heavy 1 year field grown plants which will bloom in your plantings this summer.

BELLADONNA, IMPROVED CLIVEDEN BEAUTY--- 1.00 .60

Beautiful soft light blue in color. A strong grower and heavy bloomer. Superior to the old types of Belladonna; better stems and color.

BELLAMOSUM ----- 1.00 .60

Identical in habit of growth and characteristics with Belladonna described above but has rich, deep blue color so much loved in delphiniums.

CHINESE ----- 1.00 .60

Graceful habit of growth and has finely cut foliage which makes it useful for garden display. Flower spikes are loosely arranged and have a clear light blue color, keeping well when cut.

CHINESE BLUE MIRROR ----- 1.00 .60

Bright navy blue blooms without spurs. Grows 2 feet high. One of the best blues.

LAMARTINE ----- 1.00 .60

One of the finest cutting varieties. Well formed spikes of the deepest blue flowers, each with a distinct white eye. The real Gentian-blue color is rare in flowers and these will delight you.

GORGEOUSLY COLORED HYBRID DELPHINIUM

Recent introductions in the field of Hybrids have added rare new colors and variations never thought possible in Delphiniums. Individual florets are now double and semi-double in addition to singles. Spikes are almost unbelievably large. Plant some Hybrids this year and you will be thrilled next summer when you see the wonderful blossoms produced.

BLACKMORE & LANGDON HYBRIDS----- 1.25 .75

Superb color range which includes shadings from pale blue through delicate lavender and rose variations. Florets run a good per cent double. Very strong grower with strong stems.

WREXHAM STRAIN, HOLLYHOCK FLOWERED 1.25 .75

Extremely long, spire-like spikes thickly studded with individual florets of large size. Color variations including all shades from deepest blues and purples to the delicate pastels in rose, orchid and pale blue. A wonderful grower and producer with very strong stems.

VARIETY

Per
Doz.

Half
Doz.

DIANTHUS (Pinks)

This great family is comprised of many varieties and species. They are worthy of a place in every planting and their bright colors and fragrance make them essential in good floral arrangements.

DIANTHUS BARBATUS (Sweet William)

An old fashioned flower of which we never tire. Loads of colorful blooms are produced in June. Excellent for color masses in beds or for cutting. Very hardy, easy to grow. We offer the following varieties:

HOMELAND -----	1.00	.60
New. Large trusses; deep red with sharply defined white eyes.		
MIDGET MIXED -----	1.00	.60
Dwarf variety much used for borders. Mixed colors of wide range. Long blooming season.		
NEWPORT PINK -----	1.00	.60
Beautiful salmon pink color. Fine for cutting.		
SCARLET BEAUTY -----	1.00	.60
Brightest scarlet color for massed display.		
VAUGHAN'S SPECIAL MIXTURE -----	1.00	.60
Excellent strain of vigorous growing plants with wide range of brilliant mixed colors.		

EVERBLOOMING HARDY SWEET WILLIAM

LATIFOLIUS ATROCOCCINEUS FLORA PLENA --	1.00	.60
A beautiful summer blooming variety as it bears brilliant fiery crimson blooms all through the season. Very hardy and a sturdy grower.		

DIANTHUS LOVELINESS

A truly lovely dianthus. Lacy, curling petals of exquisite orchid pink color. Very fragrant and one of our finest plants for a low border, edging or rockery.

6 for 75c; 12 for \$1.25

DIANTHUS KNAPPI (Species)

KNAPPI -----	1.25	.75
Bright golden yellow blooms on short stems. Foliage is grassy green. Very dwarf and an outstanding variety for edging or rockery.		

DIANTHUS SWEET WIVELSFIELD (Species)

SWEET WIVELSFIELD -----	1.25	.75
The true perennial type with single flowers in mixed colors. Fine for mixed bouquets.		

Los. Angeles, California, Nov. 11, 1945

Richards Gardens, Plainwell, Mich.

Gentlemen: Box of Peonies arrived today. They are in such perfect condition that I hasten to express my pleasure at the lovely stock you sent. Many Thanks —Alexander Logan.

Amarillo, Texas, No. 21, 1944

Richards Gardens, Plainwell, Mich.

Dears Sirs: My order was rec'd. Some days ago, and the Phlox plants were such nice ones, and nicely packed too. I am delighted with them, and hope to receive a spring catalog. Thanks. Yours truly,
Mrs. C. V. Bradford

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DIANTHUS (Continued)**VARIETY****Per
Doz.****Half
Doz.****DIANTHUS PLUMARIS (Clove Pinks)**

New strains of the old fashioned Hardy Pinks have brought this **grand flower back into favor. Noted for their exquisite fragrance** and free blooming.

CYCLOPS -----	1.00	.60
Deep rosy crimson hybrids. Fragrant. Red center.		
DOUBLE MIXED -----	1.00	.60
Old fashioned hardy pinks in assorted mixed colors. Hardy and thrive most anywhere.		
HIGHLAND QUEEN, ROSE HYBRIDS -----	1.00	.60
One of the best perennial Dianthus offered today. Bright rose colored, fragrant blooms are produced continually from May to November. Ideal for bedding, border or rockery. Red center.		
SPRING BEAUTY -----	1.00	.60
Large sized double blooms are typically carnation in form and fragrance; wide range of mixed color shades.		

DIGITALIS (Foxglove)

GIANT SHIRLEY HYBRIDS -----	1.25	.75
This elegant strain of an old fashioned flower grows to 7 feet high, ideal for tall colorful back-grounds. The color mixture is superb. We heartily recommend this variety of Foxglove.		

GAILLARDIA (Blanket Flower)

For general hardiness and the profusion with which they produce their colorful blooms, the Gaillardias are in a class by themselves. Plants require only the very simplest care. Blooms keep extremely long after cutting or will make a bright color display in the perennial border.

BURGUNDY -----	1.00	.60
Brilliant, wine-red flowers of large size on strong lengthy stems. Ideal for cutting. Blooms from June until frost. Showy color for the border.		
DAZZLER -----	1.00	.60
One of the most brilliant of the family. Large flowering type with blooms of bright golden yellow, centered by a disc of satiny maroon.		
GOBLIN, DWARF -----	1.00	.60
A true dwarf Gaillardia which deserves a place in every garden. Grows 12 to 15 inches high in very compact shape. Foliage practically disappears under the mass of large deep red and gold blooms.		
PORTOLA HYBRIDS -----	1.00	.60
Extremely large flowering strain and noted for the wide range of deep colors which vary from reddish brown to deep gold. Makes colorful bouquets.		
TANGERINE -----	1.10	.65
Particularly showy, large flowering, variety noted for its brilliant tangerine color. For bright masses of color this one is unequalled. Equally good for cutting. Strong, erect stems.		

Des Moines, Iowa, April 26, 1945

Richards Gardens, Plainwell, Mich.

Dear Sir: We received our shipment of plants on Wednesday, April 25th. They were the nicest plants we have ever received from you. Thank you,—W. G. Case

VARIETY

Per
Doz.

Half
Doz.

GYPSOPHILA (Baby Breath)

One of the best known perennials and much loved for the delicacy of its blooms. For misty garden beauty or when used in mixed bouquets it has no equal.

PANICULATA -----	1.00	.60
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Dense, spreading, bushy type which reaches a height of 3 feet. Numberless tiny white blooms completely hide the plant during flowering season. May be cut and dried for winter use. Foliage is fine in texture and ornamental in rockery or border.

SNOW WHITE, DOUBLE -----	1.10	.65
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Grows only about 2 feet high and produces a mass of small white flowers, mostly double. Much used in the ends of a perennial border for its misty, delicate atmosphere. Good for all bouquet use.

"PACIFICA" -----	1.25	.75
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Beautiful pearly pink blooms in branching panicles. Grows 4 feet tall and blooms in September and October. Excellent for use in fall bouquets.

HELIOPSIS (Hardy Zinnia)

Valuable for cutting and noted for their hardiness and fine color. Good compact growing habit with strong erect stems. Very free flowering.

LEMOINE'S GIANT -----	1.00	.60
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Double, golden yellow blooms.

HEUCHERA (CORAL BELL)

Plants have rosette-like clumps of attractive foliage from which dainty stems arise to a height of 18 inches. Small bell-like flowers from panicles at the upper part of the stem. Very dainty and attractive in beds or when cut. We offer the ROSEA variety which has a beautiful deep pink color.

Field Grown, Transplanted Plants Only.

35c each; 12 for \$3.50, postpaid.

HIBISCUS (Giant Mallow)

Unequalled for tall backgrounds or for specimen plants. Their large leaved, ornamental foliage is fine in the border. Tall erect canes bear large bell-shaped blooms often measuring 7 or 8 inches across. Very hardy and easily grown. Grow 4 feet tall.

MALLOW MARVEL, JUMBO RED -----	1.00	.60
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MALLOW MARVEL, PINK -----	1.00	.60
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HOLLYHOCKS

No flower has more sentiment or is more closely associated with our memories than hollyhock. We have selected three outstanding varieties listed below as being the best for our customers and we know you will be pleased when they bloom.

CHATER'S DOUBLE MIXED -----	1.00	.60
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Beautiful range of color in one of the best mixed strains.

NEWPORT PINK -----	1.00	.60
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Rich, shimmering pink blooms on tall stems.

SCARLET BEAUTY -----	1.00	.60
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Brilliant scarlet color for bold backgrounds.

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IBERIS (Hardy Candytuft)

These delightful plants have a very distinct place in the rockery or wherever a dwarf plant with evergreen foliage is needed. Very hardy and rarely exceed 18 inches in height. May be used for dwarf flowering hedge. Dense heads of blooms in early spring.

GIBALTARIC -----	1.00	.60
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Dwarf, with evergreen foliage. Masses of lavender bloom in early spring. Splendid for edging.

IRIS DICHOTOMA (Vesper Iris)

Large fragrant blooms come in tall branching sprays in late July and continue through August. Blooms open each evening. Make a fine display of color when planted in groups.

DICHOTOMA MIXED -----	1.00	.60
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Colors run from light cream through blues, purples and red shades. Very good for mixed beds.

IRIS KAEMPFER (Oriental Iris)

Immense flat blooms on tall stems. Noted for the variety of their colorings which range from delicate pastels to deepest purple and blue. Long narrow leaves make ornamental clumps of foliage. Plant some of these beautiful Iris in your borders. The size and quality of their blooms will please the most exacting.

KAEMPFER, MIXED -----	1.00	.60
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A beautiful assortment of colors. Tall growing.

LATHYRUS LATIFOLIUS (Hardy Perennial Sweet Pea)

A climbing form of Sweet Pea which should be more generally planted in this country. Will quickly cover trellis, fence or arbor. Bloom continuously from spring until fall. Colorful sweet pea blossoms are fragrant and make dainty cut flowers.

PINK, RED, OR MIXED COLORS -----	1.00	.60
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BLACKBERRY LILY

BELAMCANDA CHINESIS -----	1.00	.60
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Lily like blooms of orange spotted with red. Easily grown.

LAVENDULA (LAVENDER)

VERA (Munstead Strain) -----	1.25	.75
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The real Sweet Lavender used and grown in our grand-mothers' day. A dwarf variety which grows in compact form, and bears exquisitely fragrant blue flowers.

LIATRIS (Blazing Star or Gayfeather)

One of the taller growing perennials and very useful for perennial bed background. Does well in any type of soil and under adverse moisture conditions.

PYCNOSTACHYA -----	1.00	.60
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Flower stems rise to a height of 6 feet each topped by a foot-long spike of richly colored rosy purple bloom. Blooms during July and August. Excellent for cutting.

Jacksonville, Fla.. Nov. 11, 1944.

Richards Gardens, Plainwell, Mich.

Gentlemen: Received my plants in fine condition. All fine plants, and now growing. Received them on Nov. 4. I shall tell my neighbors about the extra well-rooted plants you supply, and I hope to be able to send you more orders in the future.—Your well wisher,

Mrs. Geo. H. Nichols.

VARIETY

Per
Doz.

Half
Doz.

Beautiful New LIATRIS "September Glory"

New late-flowering variety of ever-popular Blazing Star. Extremely long flower spikes of purple are borne on strong stems all through August and September. Very desirable for cutting and a plant which should be in every garden.

12 for \$1.25, 6 for 75c, Postpaid

LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY (Convallaria)

One of the most familiar and most loved of the perennials. Will grow in shade or on spots where nothing else seems to grow. Exquisite, waxen white, bell-shaped blooms hang from 8 to 10 inch stems. Foliage is ornamental all season. Very fragrant. Strong 1 year pips, ready for transplanting.

6 for 60c, 12 for \$1.00, Postpaid

LILIUM (Hardy Lilies)

TENUIFOLIUM -----	1.25	.75
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Often called Coral Lily. Reaches a height of 1½ to 2 feet. Blooms 2½ inches across of intense brilliant scarlet.

REGALE -----	1.25	.75
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One of the best known and most loved of all lilies. Large trumpet shaped blooms waxen white inside and rosy pink outside.

LINUM (Perennial Hardy Flax)

PERENNE -----	1.00	.60
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Very desirable plant for the perennial borders. Grows about 2½ feet high, with finely cut, ornamental foliage. From May to August you have a fresh crop of blooms for cutting each morning. Beautiful, clear, light blue color blends well with other flowers for mixed bouquets.

LYCHNIS (Campion or Catchfly)

An artistic perennial which has been cultivated for centuries in some parts of the world. Noted for their brilliantly colored flower heads and extreme hardiness. Ideal to liven up the colors in your border during late summer and early autumn.

CHALCEDONICA (MALTESE CROSS) -----	1.00	.60
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Vivid scarlet flowers in flat heads come over a long blooming period. Just the plant to make bright spots of color in your garden. Grows 2½ feet high. Very hardy and easy to grow.

MATRICARIA (Feverfew)

This splendid plant is much used for low growing beds. Very compact in growth with strongly scented ornamental foliage. Masses of bloom in late summer and early fall. Grows 10 to 15 inches high.

BALL'S DOUBLE WHITE -----	1.00	.60
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This is the only fully double flowering, pure white strain. We guarantee 98% true to description and highly recommend this variety.

BALL'S DOUBLE GOLDEN -----	1.25	.75
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Same general description as for double white above, but this new variety has blooms of rich golden color. Very free bloomer.

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A Familiar Landmark to Travelers on U. S. 131—The Red Brick To
Famous For Its Excellent Chicken and Steak Dinners—Just North of Pl
—Visitors are Always Welcome at Any Time.

The World's Fine The Famous Vetterle and NAMED VARIETIES

VARIETY	Per Doz.	Half Doz.
BLACK KNIGHT ----- Darkest royal violet.	2.00	1.10
BLUE BIRD ----- Clear medium blue with white bee.	2.00	1.10
BLUE JAY ----- Medium to dark blue with darker bee.	2.00	1.10
CAMELIARD ----- Clear soft lavender. White bee.	2.00	1.10
GALAHAD SERIES ----- Clear white flower spikes of enormous size with well spaced flowers. Good branching habit.	2.00	1.10
GUINEVERE ----- Light pink lavender with white bee.	2.00	1.10
KING ARTHUR ----- Rich, deep royal violet. White bee.	2.00	1.10
SUMMER SKIES ----- Clearest light blue with white bee.	2.00	1.10
ROUND TABLE ----- Mixed shades. Finest.	2.00	1.10



Transplanted Perennials

ick Tavern—The Old Homestead, Recommended by Duncan Hines—
of Plainwell. About Half Way Between Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids

Best Delphiniums and Reinelt Pacific Hybrids

This elegant strain of Delphinium is almost beyond description. Flower spikes 3 to 5 feet long closely packed with individual flowers from 2 to 3 inches across; many are double, semi-double, some single. The plants are resistant to mildew and stems are wiry and strong enough to resist high winds. These plants are strong well-rooted plants from seed sown last May.

COLOR GROUPS

VARIETY	Per	Half
	Doz.	Doz.
DARK BLUE -----	1.50	.85
LIGHT BLUE -----	1.50	.85
GIANT WHITE -----	1.50	.85
MIXED SHADES -----	1.50	.85
VIOLET SHADES -----	1.50	.85
LAVENDER and PASTEL -----	1.50	.85

VARIETY

Per
Doz.

Half
Doz.

MYOSOTIS (Forget-me-not)

Most people are familiar with these dainty flowering Forget-Me-Nots which bring so much beauty and charm to the spring landscape. Delightful for the rockery, for walk edging or around the pool.

ALPESTRIS ----- 1.00 .60

Grows only 12 inches tall and universally loved for its tiny clear blue flowers in early spring.

NEW HYBRID ORIENTAL POPPIES

You'll be really surprised and delighted with this glorious color mixture in Oriental Poppies. This is a new Hybrid strain and colors range through the pinks, salmon, orange and red shades. For brilliant and showy color in the border or for bright spots of color among shrubs these free-flowering plants are unsurpassed. We offer strong, field grown 1 year plants in mixed shades only.

12 for \$1.25; 6 for 75c, Postpaid.

PAPAVER (Poppy)

THE EMPEROR ----- 1.10 .65

Large-flowered, orange, long stemmed, Gartford Giant Art Shades. This mixture is an excellent strain with exceptionally fine large flowers, beautifully fluted and soft textured, carried on extremely long, heavy, wiry stems. The color range includes lovely pastel shades.

PHYSOSTEGIA (False Dragon Head)

VIRGINICA ----- 1.00 .60

Grows about 3 feet high and in Midsummer is a mass of bright lavender pink blooms. Fine for planting in front of shrubs or for bed background.

PHLOX SUBLATA

(DWARF CREEPING PHLOX)

ALBA

LILACINA

Pure white

Pale lilac lavender.

FIELD GROWN CLUMPS

40c each; 3 for \$1.00

POLEMONIUM (Jacob's Ladder)

COERULEUM GRANDIFLORA BLUE ----- 1.00 .60

Very showy and free flowering, bearing masses of large deep blue flowers through May and June. Grows two feet high and noted for hardiness.

RUDBECKIA (Cone Flower)

For tall backgrounds in the hardy perennial border these plants are indispensable.

HIRTA AUTUMN TINTS ----- 1.00 .60

A multitude of Autumn shades. A profuse flowering variety which is very hardy. Stems 3 feet long.

PURPUREA ----- 1.00 .60

The best known Rudbeckia. Rosy reddish purple petals with high cone-shaped center of dark brown. Three to four foot stems are rugged and withstand high winds. Blooms from July until frost.

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VARIETY

Per
Doz. Half
Doz.

SALVIA (Meadow Sage)

AZUREA GRANDIFLORA -----	1.00	.60
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A species from the Rocky Mountains. Stems are 3 to 4 feet high and willowy. During the early Autumn pale blue flowers are produced in almost unbelievable profusion. Ideal for color in the perennial border. Keep well when cut.

SAPONARIA (Soapwort)

OCYMOIDES SPLENDENS -----	1.00	.60
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Trailing vine-like plant which is a necessity in every rockery. From May until July plants are a mass of rosy pink small blossoms.

SCABIOSA (Pincushion Flower)

Strong and vigorous growing plants with an unusually free blooming habit. Handsome as border plants and especially fine as cut flowers.

CAUCASICA (PERFECTA) -----	1.00	.60
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Do well in any ordinary garden soil. Stems 18 to 24 inches long topped by charming flowers in a soft lilac lavender shade. In bloom from June to September.

ISAAC HOUSE HYBRID -----	1.10	.65
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Extra large flowering strain noted for the variations of coloring in its blooms. All shades from light blue and lavender to deep blue appear throughout the blooming season.

SHASTA DAISY (Moonpenny)

One of the most widely known and used of all the hardy perennials. Constant improvements and the introduction of new strains have made them one of the most beautiful and sure-to-grow plants that you can have in your garden. Always showy in mass plantings and equally desirable as cut flowers.

ALASKA -----	1.00	.60
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The best known variety. Improvements in the strain now results in longer, stronger stems and larger flowers. They are exceptionally free flowering, producing blooms of large size with large golden centers, all through the summer and fall. Grows about 2½ feet tall. Vigorous and hardy.

DIENER'S NEW HYBRID DOUBLE FRINGED WHITE DAISY

If you really want something exceptionally fine in white daisies this new development will be the answer. Medium tall growing, with strong stems, and immense white blooms, most of which are double or semi-double. Some have broad petals on others the petals are narrowly shredded. A further note of beauty and oddity is added by attractively fringed edges.

Don't fail to include a few of these in your plant order. They will excite more admiration and comment than any plant in your garden.

6 for 75c; 12 for \$1.25. Postpaid

STATICE (Great Sea Lavender)

LATIFOLIA -----	1.10	.65
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Grows in fine lace-like form with a profusion of misty purplish-blue blossoms. May be cut and dried for winter bouquets. Unexcelled for filler in floral arrangements. Grows 18 inches high.

MICHIGAN CUSTOMERS PLEASE ADD 3% SALES TAX

VARIETY

Per Half
Doz. Doz.

TRITOMA (Red Hot Poker)

PFITZERI A very spectacular plant with foliage resembling that of the Yucca. Twenty-four inch stems, each topped with a large cone-shaped spike of dazzling orange. Make a brilliant color display for the Autumn garden. Field Grown, Transplanted Plants.

25c each, 6 for \$1.25, 12 for \$2.25, Postpaid

VERONICA (SPEEDWELL)

PECTINATA—An odd variety which has gray foliage creeping habit growth. Deep rose colored blooms appear in profusion during May. Very showy when in bloom, and also as a foliage plant after blooming season.

Field Grown Clumps—40c each; 3 for \$1.00

VIOLAS (Hardy Tufted Pansies)

One of the most popular edging and bedding flowers. In bloom nearly eight months of the year! Loved for their dwarf size, their colorfulness and their free-blooming habit.

ARKWRIGHT RUBY -----	1.00	.60
Very free flowering, rich ruby-red color, with satiny sheen. Fragrant and delightful when cut.		
BLACK IMP -----	1.00	.60
Glossy black with bright yellow eye. Showy.		
CHANTREYLAND -----	1.00	.60
Masses of purest apricot blooms all summer.		
WALLER FRANKLIN MIXTURE -----	1.00	.60
Mixture of gay blues and yellows, especially for bedding or colorful edgings. Abundant bloomers.		

PLANTING AND GROWING PERENNIALS

The present trend in perennial growing is to grow a number of different sorts in informal bed or along the shrub border and include only a few which are classed as rare plants. Perennials, or plants which live more than one year, are very essential on the grounds of anyone who likes color all through the different seasons. They may be planted in beds, in wide borders, in front of shrubs, around a pool, and the lower growing or dwarf sorts are widely used for rock garden planting. They may be planted in rows in a small garden for cutting purposes. They may be used singly but it is recommended that they be planted in clumps or groups of from three to twelve plants of a kind, as a mass of color is much more effective.

In planting a perennial planting, lay out the space you have available for them on piece of paper and spot in the taller growing sorts for background. Then select the plants for the border and jot them on your layout. Fill in with the medium tall growing sorts in the center of the bed. Select and plant for color display so that you do not have two kinds of perennials with the same color of blossoms beside each other. Color variations in a perennial bed essential.

Many types of perennials will do better if frequently transplanted, that is, about every third year. This is especially true of the Coreopsis, Gaillardias, Shasta Daisies and other varieties which have dense foliage just above the ground. The plants should be removed from the bed and torn into several divisions, and these divisions replanted, the same as new plants. Iris also does better if transplanted occasionally.

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PANSY PLANTS

GIANT SWISS VARIETIES

These are the giant flowering sorts with size and color of almost unbelievable beauty. Strong growers and prolific bloomers. Foliage thick and luxuriant.

It pays to buy the best when getting Pansy Plants. You will love these Giant Swiss varieties.

SUPER SWISS GIANT MIXED

A vertible rainbow of color. Well balanced shades are ideal for bedding or gay borders.

SUPER SWISS MAPLE LEAF, GIANT MIXED

Assorted shades of color. Foliage attractively formed. Giant size blooms.

SUPER SWISS BLUE (Ullswater)

Rich satiny ultramarine blue. Giant blooms in profusion until late fall.

SUPER SWISS CORONATION GOLD

Largest blooms of clear gold with lower petals flushed rich golden orange. A bed of these make a thrilling spectacle of beauty.

SUPER SWISS PURE WHITE

Large, beautifully shaped blooms of purest white. Ideal for low bouquets or blending with contrasting shades.

SUPER SWISS ALPENGLOW

Richest wine-red coloring. Large blooms in abundance. Ideal for bedding or borders.

YOUR CHOICE OF ABOVE VARIETIES

90c per dozen, 2 dozen, \$1.50, Postpaid

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HOW TO GROW BEAUTIFUL DELPHINIUMS SUCCESSFULLY

Delphinium are easy to grow. They should have a good rich soil as they are known as gross feeders. Cow manure is the best. If this is not obtainable, get a small quantity of peat for each plant. This should be supplemented with a small quantity of lime to offset the acidity of the peat, as they like alkaline soil. As a commercial fertilizer, we recommend Vigoro, or a similiar brand, to be fed in small quantity every two weeks. This should be worked into the soil and well watered.

Delphinium is sometimes subject to fungus diseases. However, it is not difficult to eliminate these diseases if taken in time. When the foliage starts, dust or spray with Bordeaux mixture. This should be done at frequent intervals to take care of the new growth of the foliage.

In the event that Delphinium have been grown on the same soil in years previous, or you have experienced trouble with these fungus diseases, it is well to treat the soil with a solution of formaldehyde. The directions for using this disinfectant are usually found on the wrapper. Also, be sure that all old foliage has been carefully cleaned from the bed and burned.

In planting Delphinium, the soil should be opened with a trowel, the roots carefully spread out and soil well firmed around them. It is a very good idea to put a handful of peat in the opening right around the roots. Also, be careful not to cover the crown with more than one-half inch of soil. After the plant has come in full bloom, it may be cut off close to the ground, then new shoots will start and you will have a very nice second crop in a short time

RICHARDS GARDENS

FIELD GROWN

HARDY PHLOX

**BEST OF AMERICA'S FAVORITE VARIETIES;
COLORFUL NEW INTRODUCTIONS
— WILL BLOOM NEXT SUMMER —**

No flower will lend more color and beauty to your garden than a mass planting of Hardy Phlox. They thrive under average conditions, bloom freely over a long period of time, and are equally satisfactory when used in beds or borders.

We are growers of Phlox and have an unusually fine assortment of field grown plants. These are one-year plants, the best size for transplanting. All are well rooted and have bloomed in our fields, so we know they are all true to name. Phlox will start blooming early in July and continue through August into September.

VARIETY

AETNA

Excellent new variety which is highly resistant to rust.
Tall strong grower and of superb deep scarlet color.

ANNIE LAURIE

One of the best new salmon-reds. Sturdy grower.

CAROLINE VANDENBURG

The nearest to blue color to be found among the Phlox.
Large flowering type providing a distinct contrast in color values.

E. I. FARRINGTON

A Phlox of distinctive beauty. Flower trusses are extremely large and color is a delightful salmon shade with slightly darker eye.

ENCHANTRESS

Large deep pink. Immense flower heads.

DAILY SKETCH

One of the best introductions of recent years. Immense flowers of light salmon pink with carmine eye.

ETHEL PRITCHARD

Rich bluish-violet which blends well with other colors.

GEORGE STIPP

A strong grower with excellent foliage. A truly outstanding Phlox. of glowing salmon-coral.

LEO SCHLAGETER

One of the brightest and flashiest of all red Phlox. Sturdy grower and very free bloomer.

LILLIAN

One of the most distinctive new Phlox ever introduced. Unusually large trusses of charming soft pink.

MARY LOUISE

New white—One of the best growers and bloomers. Large flower heads and florets.

HARDY PHLOX (Continued)

VARIETY

MIA RUYS

A dwarf variety which bears large heads of pure white.

MISS LINGARD

Long accepted as one of the best cutting varieties, pure white. Splendid for bouquets and mixed floral arrangements.

MOONLIGHT DREAM

Medium grower. Large trusses of rich creamy white.

MORGENROOD

The glorious rosy red of sunrise. Very striking for colorful beds.

PAINTED LADY

Much loved for its shimmering silvery-pink color and deep red eye. Tall vigorous grower.

PRIME MINISTER

Clear pure white, brilliant red center.

SALMON GLOW

Teamed with Daily Sketch this variety has swept to a high place in the Phlox world. Its robust growth and blooms of deep salmon recommend it to all.

STARLIGHT

Beautiful pastel lavender-orchid color with white center marking. Large flower heads and florets. Strong grower.

TIGRESS

Brilliant new coral shade with golden sheen.

VON LASSBURG

One of the most colorful and sturdy growing white Phlox. Medium height. Good bedder.

Your choice of the listed Phlox varieties

30c each; 6 for \$1.65; or 12 for \$3.00, Postpaid

**EACH LABELED, WELL PACKED, AND
GUARANTEED TO ARRIVE IN GOOD CONDITION.**

6 PHLOX ALL LABELED OUR SELECTION \$1.50

SPECIAL! SEVEN OF THE NEWEST PHLOX

We offer our customers seven of the newest introductions in Hardy Phlox. We have seen these beautiful creations in bloom and we cannot recommend them too highly. All are extremely vigorous growers with good strong stems. Flower heads are immense in size with some really surprising individual florets. Try these newest Phlox and you will be delighted when they bloom next summer. Most growers would ask at least 50c each for these but note Richards' money saving price.

DR. KLEMM—Large trusses of white with diffused violet eye.

SALMON BEAUTY—Rich salmon pink with white eye.

FLASH—Rich carmine-rose with orange-scarlet center.

BLUE BOY—Near blue flowers, purple cast.

CHIEFTAIN—Brilliant red. Enormous flower heads.

CHARLES CURTIS—Brilliant cherry red. Very showy.

JULY LIGHTS—A brilliant carmine red with blood red eye.

45c Ea.; 7 For \$3.00, Postpaid

RICHARDS GARDENS
"OLD HOMESTEAD BRAND"
PEONIES

**GROWERS OF PEONIES FOR TWENTY-SIX
YEARS—**

We want to say just a word about the quality of Richards' Peonies. We send out, as always, nice clean roots, three to five eye divisions. All from one, two, and three years old clumps. You will find no clubby stock in our peonies and we guarantee them true to name.

Where Ten Of A Kind Are Ordered, An Extra Root Will Be Added.

We are giving the rating on the peonies and you will note that there are many in this list that rate nine or better and only in one or two instances are they below eight. We are very proud of this list and know you will be pleased with the offerings we make this year.

OUR GUARANTEE

We exercise great care in keeping our varieties true to name and will replace any variety that proves untrue two years from date of sale.

PEONIES TO COLOR

We have, every year, an accumulation of peonies to color but unnamed. These are from our regular stock, you might get a \$3.00 peony among these mixed varieties. **White, 40c each; Pink, 40c each; and Red, 40c each.** Not less than five of these will be filled on an order or we will furnish.

FOUR RED MIXED
FOUR PINK MIXED
FOUR WHITE MIXED

} **\$3.50**

POSTPAID

HOW TO PLANT PEONIES

Peonies are heavy feeders and should be planted in soil which has been thoroughly prepared by deep spading and the addition of well rotted manure or good commercial fertilizer.

Peonies should be planted with eyes NOT MORE THAN TWO INCHES below surface of the soil.

Most of the trouble that gardeners experience in not having their peonies bloom comes from planting too deep.

Have holes generously large to accommodate the roots, Sift in finely pulverized soil around roots until nearly covered, and then fill hole with water and allow to settle. This eliminates any air pockets. Fill in balance of earth to proper depth and pack firmly.

Peonies planted in this manner will seldom fail to grow and bloom the following year.

Well rotted manure applied as a mulch in late fall and then worked into the soil the following spring will help promote luxuriant growth and blooms.

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PEONIES (Continued)

AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING DOUBLE VARIETIES

VARIETY		Rating	Each
ALBERT CROUSSE	-----	8.6	.75
Double, light rose pink with creamy tone. A profuse bloomer. Strong stems and good foliage, late.			
ALSACE LORRAINE	-----	8.8	.50
Double; large; late midseason. Pure white tinted with cream and buff in center.			
A. M. SLOCUM	-----	9.0	.75
Large; double; late. Light rosepink with lighter center. A dwarf free blooming type.			
ASA GRAY	-----	8.1	.50
Delicate pink, some years slightly mottled. Very free-flowering and very fragrant. Fine for cutting. Mid-season.			
AUGUSTE DESSERT	-----	8.7	.60
Large; double, midseason. Color an intense pink; petals edged with silver. Good grower.			
AVALANCHE	-----	8.7	.50
One of the very best of white peonies, late and a very prolific bloomer. A fine cut flower.			
BARONESS SCHROEDER	-----	9.0	.50
Large; double; midseason. Flesh-white tinted creamy pink.			
CHESTINE GOWDY	-----	8.4	.60
Large; double; late. Light rose with some outer petals edged with red. Strong grower and free blooming.			
CLAIRE DUBOIS	-----	8.7	.75
Large; double; late. Bright rose-pink with enormous buds and flowers. Strong stems make this a good cutting variety.			
CORONATION	-----	8.5	.75
Very large; double: late midseason. Beautiful shaped bloom with rose pink outer petals and deeper colored center. Free blooming.			
DUCHESS DE NEMOURS	-----	8.1	.50
Large double; early. White guard petals with center of canary-yellow. Very free blooming.			
E. G. HILL	-----	7.1	.50
Large; double; midseason. Deep rose. Good grower and free blooming.			
EDITH FORREST	-----		.50
Large; double; midseason. A good pink which flowers heavily and is especially effective in massed border plantings.			
EDULIS SUPERBA	-----	7.6	.50
This is one of the few peonies which we have that is rated under eight, and there is no reason why Edulis Superba should carry this low rating as it is really a good peony, early free flowering, and a fine cut flower in the dark pink class.			
ELWOOD PLEAS	-----	8.7	.50
Large, late pink peony on the order of Therese.			
FELIX CROUSSE	-----	8.4	.50
Late, midseason red peony, one of the Big Four of peonies, and probably the largest seller of all red peonies. Sure bloomer always opens well.			
FESTIVA MAXIMA	-----	9.3	.50
Very large double; early. White with crimson flecks. Strong stems and free flowering.			

PEONIES (Continued)

VARIETY

	Rating	Each
GEORGIANA SHAYLOR -----	8.9	.90
Very large; double; late midseason. Light rose-pink with odd crimson streaked petals around center. Free blooming.		
GIGANTEA -----	8.2	.50
Very large; double; early. Clear rose-pink with silver tipped petals. Grows quite tall and slightly sprawling. Pleasing fragrance.		
GLORIANA -----		* 1.25
Not yet rated and not well known but a very good pink.		
GOLDEN HARVEST -----	7.8	.50
Double; large; midseason. Good blush shade. Strong Grower.		
GRACE BATSON -----		1.25
This is a deep pink and a good one.		
GROVER CLEVELAND -----	8.2	.50
Large; red; late midseason.		
HAZEL KINNEY -----	9.0	.75
Large, double, midseason. Flesh-pink with broad petals.		
JAMES KELWAY -----	8.7	.50
Very large, early mid-season peony, opening pink and turning white. Fine for cutting.		
JUNE DAY -----	9.0	.75
Large, double, midseason. Old rose-pink with lighter outer petals.		
KARL ROSENFELD -----	8.8	.50
Red, large flower, blooms in mid-season. This is not the ordinary red but it has a light touch of crimson. A reliable bloomer. Does not open well when cut in bud.		
KELWAY'S GLORIOUS -----	9.8	1.25
Very large, double, midseason. Creamy-white, crimson streaks.		
LADY ALEXANDER DUFF -----	9.1	.90
Large, double, midseason. Blush-pink blooms in clusters.		
LADY KATE -----	8.7	1.25
Large, double, late. Solid light pink color. Tall grower with strong stems. Long blooming season.		
LAURA DESSERT -----	8.8	1.25
Anemone type. The outer petals of white with center of canary yellow, considered to be nearest to a yellow peony. Early.		
LE CYGNE -----	9.8	1.50
One of the largest and finest Creamy white Peonies.		
LILLIAN GUMM -----	8.8	.60
Very large, deep rose-pink flower.; a real beauty and blooms in midseason. Fine for cut flowers.		
LONGFELLOW -----	9.0	.90
Large, crimson flowered peony blooming in mid-season. Free-flowering and very showy as cut flowers.		
LORA DEXHEIMER -----	8.4	.50
Bright crimson. We consider this one of the very best of reds and when it is better known should be very popular. Blooms in mid-season. Fine for cut flowers. Free bloomer.		
LORCH -----	8.7	.75
Large pure snow white outer petals with center petals lemon and cream with rose fragrance. When well grown is a beautiful flower. Midseason.		

PEONIES (Continued)

VARIETY

	Rating	Each
MARIE CROUSSE -----	8.9	.90
Very large, double, mid-season. Pale pink shaded deeper at center with glowing sheen. Free blooming and good stems.		
MARY BRAND -----	9.0	.60
Dark clear crimson. Free-flowering mid-season peony and where quantities of red flowers are wanted, this is excellent to have.		
MARY W. SHAYLOR -----	9.0	.90
Very large, double, late. Flesh white, crimson flecks.		
MAUD L. RICHARDSON -----	8.5	.60
Light rose-pink, blooming very late. Very free-flowering and fine for cut flowers opening well for late bloomer. Very fragrant.		
MINNIE SHAYLOR -----	8.9	.60
Large, semi-double: mid-season. Clear light pink with golden anthers. Good grower.		
MME. JULES DESSERT -----	9.4	.75
Extremely large; double; late. An outstanding and lovely peony. Long, smooth, flesh-white petals and a peculiar golden sheen in the center. Tall strong stems and good foliage. Experts rank this among the best dozen.		
MONS. JULES ELIE -----	9.2	.50
Very large, double, early. Light rose-pink. Free-flowering. Dark satiny sheen.		
MONS. MARTIN CAHUZAC -----	8.8	.90
This is the darkest red peony which we have. Blooms in early mid-season and very free-flowering. Dark satiny sheen.		
MRS. C. S. MINOT -----	9.2	1.25
Very large, double, late. Flesh-pink with copper tint.		
MRS. EDWARD HARDING -----	9.3	.60
Large, double, midseason. White with golden stamens.		
MRS. JOHN M. LEWIS -----	8.2	.60
Large, dark crimson and blooms in mid-season. Very symmetrical.		
NINA SECOR -----	9.0	.75
Medium, double, mid-season. Pure white with yellow glow, red flecked.		
OPAL -----	8.5	.90
Large double; mid-season. Rose-pink with long pointed petals. Free blooming and good foliage.		
PHILIPPE RIVOIRE -----	9.2	1.25
Medium, double, mid-season. Very deep crimson with blackish glow.		
PHOEBE CARY -----	8.8	.90
Pale old rose pink. Very late, double type, profuse bloomer. A good peony of good color and no serious fault.		
PHYLLIS KELWAY -----	9.0	1.00
Very large; semi-double; mid-season. Rose-pink with lighter center. Good stems.		
PRIMEVERE -----	8.6	.75
Anemone type. The outer petals white with center lemon yellow. Similar to Laura Dessert but not as fine a flower. Mid-season.		
RACHEL -----	8.3	.50
Late free flowering red. Not very large bloom but brilliant color. Flowers have excellent keeping qualities.		

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PEONIES (Continued)

VARIETY		Rating	Each
REINE HORTENSE	-----	8.7	.50
We cannot say too much about Reine Hortense. It is a very large pink, rather flat bloom and free-flowering. Considered one of the very best of cut flower varieties. Blooms in mid-season.			
RICHARD CARVEL	-----	8.8	.60
The earliest of the red peonies of Chinese type to bloom. It is one of the very best of reds and it is very excellent for cut flowers.			
ROSE SHAYLOR	-----	9.1	1.25
Pale pink, tall, strong-flowering with stiff stems. Excellent for cutting. Mid-season.			
SARAH BERNHARDT	-----	9.0	.75
Very large; double; late. Dark rose pink. Strong stems. Free flowering.			
SASS LATE RED	-----		1.00
Beautiful large late red. Very good because it prolongs bright color in the peony plantings.			
SOLFATARE	-----	7.6	.50
One of the older but still good whites. Large double blooms come in midseason and are excellent in mixed beds. Free bloomer.			
SOLANGE	-----	9.7	1.25
Large double, late. Creamy-white suffused with buff and salmon.			
SOUVENIR DE LOUIS BIGOT	-----	9.1	.90
Large; double; mid-season. Vivid pink, shell-pink center. Strong erect stems.			
THERESE	-----	9.8	1.25
Very large; double; midseason. Enormous size. Rose-pink with golden glow.			
TOURANGELLE	-----	9.4	.60
Large; double; late. Creamy-white suffused with tan and flesh-pink.			
TRAGEDY	-----		.75
W. F. CHRISTMAN	-----	8.8	.60
Double; large; mid-season. Bright shell-pink with faint pink. Fragrant and free flowering.			
WALTER FAXON	-----	9.3	.50
Medium; double, mid-season. Bright shell-pink with luminous glow.			
WINNIFRED DOMME	-----	8.3	.60
A small flower, blooms in mid-season. Has a very distinctive color, almost as dark as Mons Martin Cahuzac and really a most desirable peony.			

ORIENTAL PEONIES

FUYAJO	-----	9.2	1.25
Dark purplish crimson blooms in mid-season. Free flowering.			
GYPSY	-----	8.0	.50
Dark wine-red, blooms in mid-season and of medium size.			
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OUR GUARANTEE

We guarantee these peonies to be true to name. Notify us any time within two years after purchase of any not true to name and we will replace them without charge.

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PHILLIPPE RIVOIRE
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One of each of the 26 supreme peonies described: all strong 3 to 5 divisions. A real Peony value, postpaid to your door at Richard's Low price of only-----\$20.00

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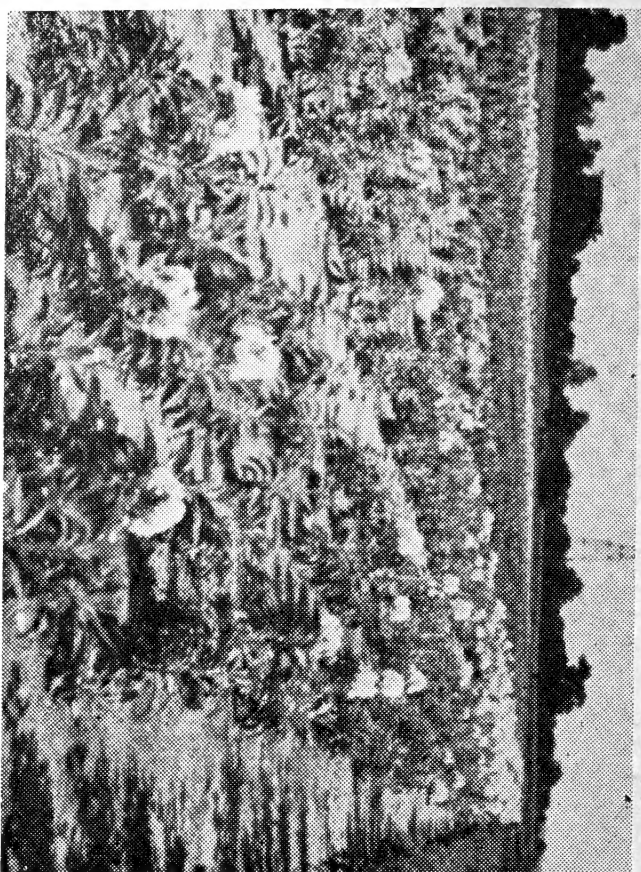
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With each order for **OFFER No. 1** at \$20 we will include **FREE 1 Felix Crousse**, rated 8.4 bright red, midseason, double; and **1 Mary BRAND** rated 8.7, dark crimson with bright sheen, midseason, double.

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